

Edwards Secures Funding to Help Robertson County Hire More Deputy Sheriffs and Improve Safety for Students With Construction of Sidewalk Along FM 1644 in Franklin

(WASHINGTON, DC) – U.S. Representative Chet Edwards announced that local law enforcement efforts to combat crime in Robertson County will be strengthened by \$400,000 after passage of the final 2009 Appropriations bill. Edwards also secured \$332,500 to construct a sidewalk along FM 1644. The Appropriations bill passed the House today by a vote of 245 to 178.

“As the father of two young sons, I am deeply committed to doing everything possible to protect our communities from crime,” said Edwards, a senior member of the Appropriations Committee. “These funds will help Robertson County law enforcement increase the size of the force, crack down on crime, and keep our community safe.”

“Law enforcement is expensive, and to be assisted in this manor, literally puts law enforcement officers on our streets and equips them to safely perform this public service,” added Robertson County Judge, Jan Roe.

Robertson County Sheriff Gerald Yezak stated, “Being awarded these grant funds is nothing short of outstanding. This will allow our Sheriff’s Office the opportunity to provide increased protection for all our citizens, especially the children. We look forward to begin hiring additional deputies that otherwise would not be possible.”

FM 1644 in Franklin is the main roadway into town from Franklin High School and Franklin Jr. High. The federal funding is designed to build a sidewalk to provide a safer area for pedestrians and students who walk from town to school.

“Constructing a sidewalk along FM 1644 is an important safety and economic development issue for Robertson County that will improve quality of life for area residents,” said Edwards, a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee. “I want to commend the local leaders for bringing this project to my attention.”

Robertson County Judge, Jan Roe stated, “We began this sidewalk project two years ago to provide a safe route to school for our children who were walking along a highway. This appropriation is a blessing and truly about child safety.”